

Government of the District of Columbia  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jeff DeWitt  
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**DATE:** March 27, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Homeless Services Reform Amendment Act of 2014

**REFERENCE:** Bill 20-679, Draft committee print shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 21, 2014

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill amends the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005<sup>1</sup> to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to fill all locally funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) slots within 60 days from the day funding becomes available. In FY 2014, DHS had 647 locally funded PSH slots. On average, these were filled within 6 weeks.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DHS currently fills the majority of locally funded PSH slots within 60 days or less; thus requiring a 60-day turnaround time would not impose a burden on the agency.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law §16-35; D.C. Official Code 4-751.01 *et seq.*)